



October 13, 2017 at 1200

Dear all,

Thank you to all of you who have been concerned about the northern California wildfires and our welfare. The love felt far and wide has been very comforting.

The Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County airport (KSTS), the air traffic control tower, and Sonoma Jet Center has had no interruptions to service since the wildfires began and continues to operate fully. Here are some details:

- The airport and surrounding area remains well clear of fire and damage.
- Generators were needed to maintain operations for the first 48 hours, however power has now been restored airport-wide.
- Sonoma Jet Center has amazing support from our fuel provider, Avfuel, and our fuel transportation company, All State Tank Lines, who are in daily communication and ensuring that our tanks remain full.
- Visibility and air quality is getting progressively better as fire containment increases and can be excellent depending on the wind direction.
- Commercial air operations (Alaska Airlines, United Airlines, American Airlines, Sun Country Airlines) were suspended due to the previous power outages in the airport terminal but are ramping back up today (10/13).
- Rental cars are available.
- Hotels are full with evacuees and visiting support but we are able to find rooms in surrounding areas.

Much of Sonoma county's tourism centers are undamaged, open to visitors, and have minimal smoke. To name a few, the Russian River, Dry Creek, Sonoma Coast, Healdsburg areas, have been unscathed. If you are in communication with customers/passengers considering travel to this area, I recommend they contact their host/lodging/wineries directly before making any cancellations. It is a good possibility that visitors will have a more charming and specialized visit due to these extenuating circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and Sonoma Jet Center for any of your needs/concerns/questions. We are open and ready to serve!

*On a personal note, at least 3 of our Sonoma Jet Center colleagues lost everything in the fire. Sonoma Jet Center has established a Sonoma Jet Center Fire Relief Fund and committed \$10,000 to support our colleagues to help regroup and rebuild. Our community is just beginning to understand the level of devastation caused by these wildfires and we want to help our aviation family. Please consider joining us and donating. The Sonoma Jet Center Fire Relief Fund is found at: <https://www.gofundme.com/sjcfirerelieffund>*

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